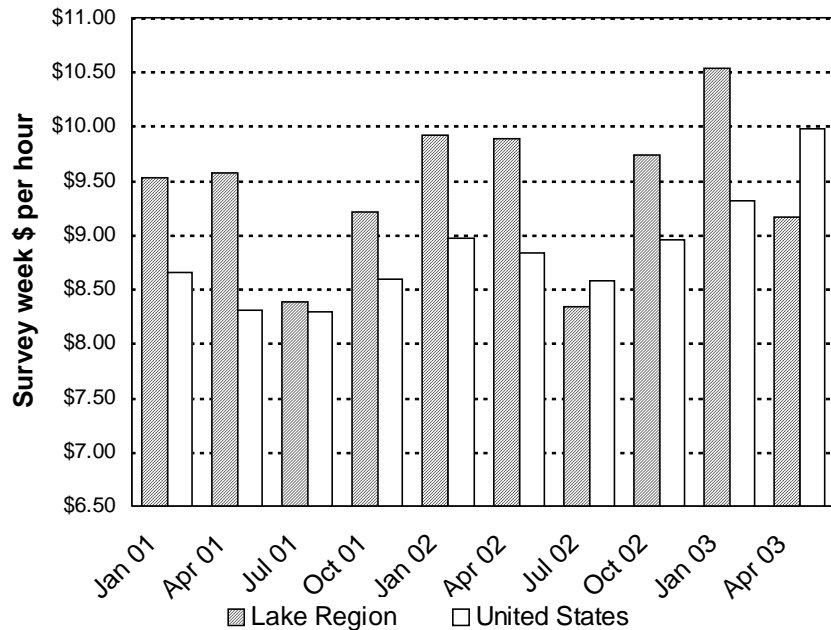


FARM LABOR

Regional and national data for hired workers, hours worked, and wage rates are published quarterly. Minnesota is included in the Lake Region which also includes Michigan and Wisconsin. Information from the Farm Labor report is used to determine farm labor's effect on production costs, evaluate the impact of wage rate changes, and to define the nation's need for farm labor.

Farm Labor estimates are made at the U.S. and regional levels for January, April, July, and October for the week including the 12th of the month. State level wage rate information is available annually for the October survey period.

ALL HIRED WORKER 1/ Wage Rate Comparison



HIRED WORKERS 1/: Annual Average Wage Rates, Minnesota 1998-2002

Year	All Hired	Field	Field & Livestock
<u>Dollars per Hour</u>			
1998	8.68	8.10	8.01
1999	8.53	8.67	8.26
2000	8.91	8.67	8.38
2001	9.53	9.90	9.26
2002	9.73	9.76	9.12

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

FARM LABOR: Farm Workers and Wages by Type of Work, Lake Region, 2001-2003 1/

Year and Month	Hired Workers and Hours Worked				Wages, Type of Work			
	Number of Workers	Expected To Be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	All Hired	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less					
	-----	<u>1,000 Workers</u> -----		<u>Hours</u>	-----	<u>Dollars Per Hour</u> -----		
2001								
January	38	34	4	34.6	9.53	9.12	8.26	8.57
April	43	34	9	36.5	9.57	8.93	8.82	8.87
July	76	46	30	36.9	8.38	8.21	7.66	8.00
October	74	42	32	40.7	9.21	9.14	8.59	8.97
2002								
January	38	33	5	33.5	9.91	10.22	8.26	8.94
April	55	42	13	36.2	9.88	9.43	8.44	9.01
July	62	44	18	34.8	8.33	7.85	7.85	7.85
October	64	41	23	34.7	9.73	9.28	9.11	9.21
2003								
January	45	40	5	31.7	10.54	10.51	9.44	9.65
April	56	36	20	37.0	9.90	9.31	9.20	9.26

1/ Lake Region includes Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.